

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on February 24, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claims 1, 3-5, 11 and 13 are Currently Amended, claims 2, 12, 16, 18 and 19 are canceled; as a result, claims 1, 3-11, 13-15 and 17 are now pending in this application.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 2-5, 12-14 and 18 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but were indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

The Examiner has indicated that claims 2-5, 12-14 and 18 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. The Applicant has amended claims in accordance with this instruction.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 373-6976 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

If necessary, please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0743.

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IN THE DRAWINGS

The Examiner has objected to the drawings under 37 CFR 1.83(a). The drawings must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

Corrected drawings are supplied herewith.